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E.O. 12065: GDS 6/5/86 (FRIEDMAN, TOWNSEND B.) OR-P
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SUBJECT: (U) A REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
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2. WE HAVE RECEIVED ANOTHER REPORT OF A DISAPPEARANCE, MANUEL TORRENTE, THIRTY-FIVE AND A LABORER, REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED IN CAMPANA MARCH 18. HE WAS LAST SEEN BY SEVERAL COLLEAGUES WHO LEFT HIM ABOUT 70 METERS FROM HIS HOME, WHERE HE NEVER ARRIVED. HIS COLLEAGUES STATE THAT HERE WAS A FORD FALCON WITH THREE MEN IN IT PARKED ON THE STREET WHERE THEY LEFT TORRENTE. THE FAMILY HAS FILED A HABEAS CORPUS PETITION.

3. THE DAY FOLLOWING TORRENTE'S SEEMING DISAPPEARANCE HIS WIFE RECEIVED A TELEGRAM HE PURPORTEDLY SENT STATING THAT HE HAD TO TAKE AN "URGENT TRIP". HOWEVER, THE CABLE MISSTATES HIS WIFE'S FIRST NAME AND THE FAMILY DOES NOT BELIEVE HE WAS THE AUTHOR.

4. TORRENTE REPORTEDLY WAS A POPULAR AND EFFECTIVE LABOR LEADER AT THE FACTORY WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED. HE WAS ARRESTED FOR ONE DAY IN OCTOBER 1979 FOLLOWING A STRIKE AT HIS FACTORY. IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO STATE THAT HIS SEEMING DISAPPEARANCE WAS RELATED TO HIS LABOR ACTIVITIES.

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5. OUTGOING AND INCOMING LABATTS, ALONG WITH AIFLD REPRESENTATIVE TORRES-LAZO, RAISED THE CASE WITH A HIGH-RANKING

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LABOR OFFICIAL. HE SAID HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE
CASE, BUT WOULD LOOK INTO IT.
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